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II Kings 23: 1-3

Then the king (Josiah) sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord. And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book; and all the people joined in the covenant.

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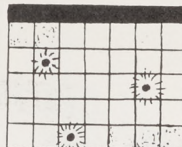
CONGREGATIONAL Q & A SESSION (CHURCH FINANCES & OPERATION)

Immediately following the 10:45
AM services on Sunday, Sept. 10,
the Board of Directors and the
Finance Committee will gather
in the main sanctuary and be avail-
able to answer any questions you
may have about church operation
and finance subjects.

Anyone from the congregation,
not just registered members and
friends, may attend and participate
in this question and answer session.
All are welcome. Suggestions are
invited.

This congregational meeting was
authorized on Aug. 20, by Rev.
Perry and the Board of Directors
during an afternoon meeting with
the Finance Committee.

Our Church Calendar



SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 3

6:00 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Evening Worship Service
Assemblyman Willie Brown

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 4

7:00 PM Survivors Anonymous
7:30 PM Bible Study

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 5

7:30 PM Discussion Group
8:00 PM Lavender Ladies
8:00 PM Sign Language Class

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

7:30 PM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM CIC Meeting
8:00 PM Sign Language Class
8:30 PM Alcoholics Together

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 8

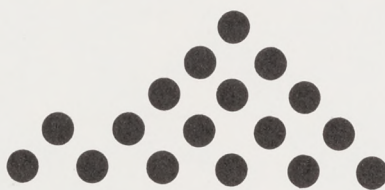
8:00 PM Temple Services

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 9

6:30 PM G.A.Y.-San Gabriel Valley
7:00 PM Lavender Ladies Dance

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Holy Communion
9:30 AM Academy (Adults)
10:30 AM Singspiration
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship Service
1:00 PM Congregational Q&A
6:00 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Evening Worship Service



Our treasurer's report

by pat vestal

Cash Items

Wed. Eve. Offering	\$ 119.09
Sunday 9:00 AM	25.00
Sunday School	1.38
Sunday 10:45 AM	1,168.13
Sunday 7:30 PM	170.47
Bookstore	226.90
TOTAL	\$1,710.97

Sources of Cash

Envelope (46% of Pledge)	\$ 383.75
Loose Plate	1,100.32
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Budget (under \$215.93)	\$1,484.07
Bookstore	226.90
TOTAL	\$1,710.97

Our deficit is still with us.
Let's clear it up before the fis-
cal year ends. Praise the Lord
for the gentleman who sent the
\$200 check through the mail. We
need more like that.

"Stewardship is what a man does
after he says, 'I Believe.'"

SEMINARY TO RESUME

The Bible training and minis-
terial preparation program of the
Mother Church will resume classes
Monday, Sept. 11.

Three courses are to be offer-
ed the first term. They are:

SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT,
with Rev. Rich Ploen as the in-
structor.

HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
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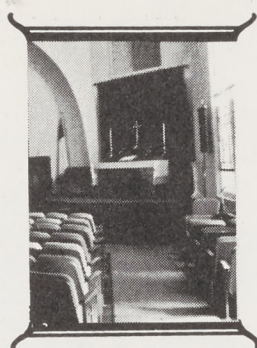
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VIEW FROM THE Pews



by June Norris

As the last strains of "Jericho" faded away, thunderous applause rocked the building. It was MCC's "thank you" to David Roddell and his Metro-Chords. "We have filled in this summer so our Chancel Choir could take a vacation," David announced. "And now it is our turn. Your choir will return next Sunday." We have loved you, Metro-Chords.

Rev. Perry's sermon was taken from I Corinthians 11:23-29, concerning Communion. "Jesus did not say," our pastor told us, "this you MAY do in remembrance of Me. He said this DO!"

What does Communion mean? It means we are symbolically taking into ourselves His blood and His body to remember His death until He returns. And that means all who believe--not just church members, but anyone who wants to partake.

Rev. Perry also expounded the fact Jesus Christ walked this earth as a Man--an individual who felt emotion just as we do. He loved, He sympathized, He wept, He grew weary and He even felt anger and indignation. He did not die for us because it was required of Him, but He GAVE Himself! We are not to lose sight of the fact that we have a Savior who understands us, one who is never too busy to receive us. He does not require flowery prayers. No, we can talk to Him as a Friend.

"I do not know the Jesus that hates," Rev. Perry continued. "The Jesus I know is one of love. When we have communion with Him we have power. If we are positive in our thoughts, discarding everything that is negative, we can have anything. That is the Jesus I serve. He is not on the cross today. He is risen. He is at the right hand of God and He loves us!"

The area of National Airlines' Gate 20 at L.A. International will never be the same again! A large MCC welcoming committee met our assistant pastor, Rev. Lee Carlton, as he arrived from Tampa, Florida. There we were with funny hats, flags and signs. Someone started singing the three choruses, and soon we were all right in there. Several curious onlookers came over and asked what it was all about. As people disembarked, I saw several hesitate, look at us and wonder what in the world was happening.

When "our Rev. Lee" arrived we

applauded vigorously and really gave him an MCC welcome he will never forget!

At the evening service he told us, "All the way from Tampa I was sad to be leaving the little flock I had laughed with, cried with and loved. When I got off the plane, I saw the sign--not welcome to LA, but WELCOME HOME. How good I felt to see all of you. Our services in Tampa are different, but if you will be patient with me, I will learn your ways of worship."

MCC loves you already, Rev. Lee. WELCOME HOME!

PARISH news

NORTHEAST PARISH NEWS

Our parish seemed to go stagnant during the summer, but now we are growing again. At our last parish meeting we had 27 in attendance with one of the best meetings we have ever had.

After a delicious potluck, our meeting dealt with gripes and compliments about the church. We each had a chance to voice our complaints or compliments, and our Deacon Tom Purcell told us that he would see that these complaints or compliments would get to the parties involved. Each complaint or compliment was given a vote. Other discussion items were: are parish meetings really worth it?, the Northeast Parish Dancers, and the San Gabriel Valley Growing American Youth.

At our next parish meeting the Northeast Parish Dancers are to give a "sneak preview" of the show, "The History of Dance." So we hope to have a good turnout for this one.

In the coming weeks I will let you know where the parish meeting is to be held. Until then, God bless.

-Milton Breedlove
Corres. Secretary

NORTHEAST PARISH DANCERS

Rehearsals will resume Sat., Sept. 9, from 1 PM to 5 PM at the church in the Sunday School room.

All interested persons are requested to mark this date on their calendar. Many dancers are needed and there is a place for you somewhere in the show. I will be looking forward to seeing all who are interested.

I stress the point again: you do not have to be a professional dancer to be in the show, only a desire to become one. Both Larry and I have had experience in teaching. We may be strict in some areas, but it's only because we want you to do your best.

Gay law resolutions

At a recent meeting of the American Bar Association/Law Student Division, the Gay Law Students Association carried the banner for gay rights.

The House of Delegates of the ABA/LSA passed a resolution which called for the repeal of all statutes dealing with consensual sexual acts between adults in private, as well as other acts categorized in the arena of "victimless crimes."

A second resolution, titled the Single Person's Bill of Rights, calls for the repeal of all portions of the Internal Revenue Code or of the income tax laws of the various states which impose higher taxes on single people than on married people.

Both of these resolutions will be transmitted to the ABA house of delegates for their action upon them in February at their mid-year meeting in Cleveland.

The Gay Law Students Assoc. sponsored a workshop at the convention on "Sex Law Reform, Gay Rights and Related Topics."

Speakers included Walter Barnett, visiting professor at Hastings College of Law who is currently writing a book on the unconstitutionality of the sodomy laws in this country. Thomas F. Coleman, Chairman of the Gay Law Students Association, spoke on the civil disabilities of being gay and of the areas of the law which need to be changed in order to effect equal protection of the law to all gay people. Tim Stearns, Student Bar Assoc. President of Golden Gate Law School in San Francisco, explained the work/study program which is under way with the Society for Individual Rights. This project will eventually provide every attorney handling gay cases a booklet on how to best challenge the laws both in pre-trial and trial motions.

Marshall Jacobson, Vice-Governor of the Ninth Circuit of the Law Student Division, explained his resolution which would eliminate penalties for consensual sexual acts between adults in private. Jim Foster, Chairman of the Political Committee of the S.I.R. explained a similar resolution which was being presented to the house of delegates of the ABA itself.

RESPONSIBILITY--means taking criticism as it is intended: an attempt to improve the quality of our efforts without disparaging us as people.
-Gil Boyd

Join C.I.C. now. Get involved and help your brothers and sisters.

MOTHER CHURCH WELCOMES CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The Mother Church welcomes all elected delegates, members and friends of the Fellowship to this year's third General Conference. It is hoped that all have been adequately provided for with a minimum of discomfort to all concerned.

We hope you have found your visit to Los Angeles and to the Mother Church enjoyable and highly rewarding and that upon return to your local churches you will be bursting with enthusiasm to continue the work of the Fellowship.

It has been a rewarding experience here at the Mother Church to be host once again for the Conference. The excitement of the gathering, the exchange of ideas, the solving of problems, the presence of the Spirit of God, all work together to bring personal blessings to all who have attended.

The planned activities for today will highlight the Conference, culminating with Assemblyman Willie Brown Jr. who will be the guest speaker for tonight. "He ought to have been a preacher," Rev. Perry is quoted as saying. And the truth is, Mr. Brown is just that: holding ministerial authority as a lay minister within one of the Baptist conventions.

Assemblyman Brown is expected to draw a maximum crowd for the closing service tonight. All are urged to come early to assure themselves seating for the service. Remember your Christian courtesy: seat yourself in the

middle of a row so late-comers don't have to climb over you; and please, don't hold seats for someone who "night" show up later on.

EDITORIAL

We have all heard that gays cannot work together. They are too busy fighting their own petty hangups to work as a unit.

This last Wednesday somebody forgot to tell the MCC congregation, for while the saws were buzzing, the hammers were hammering, the dust cloths were dusting, and a little camping going on, the gay community got their "-----" together and did their thing.

And if you don't believe it, take a good look around you, because this church "ain't looked so good in years."

To all of you who assisted your church and your God by spending a few minutes, a few hours, and in some cases, a few days, getting this church in top condition, we say thank you.

To those of you who weren't able to make it, we regret you were not able to be with us--and believe me, you missed a real blessing.

-The Editor

PEN-PALS ACROSS THE WORLD

by rick reyes

Well gang, I'm back again with just a few names for P.P.A.T.W. So hold on to your hats, 'cause here we go:

LARRY SAUNDERS
BOX 99082
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(Larry is interested travel, movies, and music. He would like to write to persons in foreign countries especially Brazil & Australia.)

MS. GERDA ROHDEN
3718 SAN RENO DR. #1
SANTA BARBARA CA.
93105

(Gerda would love to hear from any woman about 50 years old.)

CHRIS WHEELER #213735-14
C.8
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(Chris would like to Gay literature and a Gay Pen-Pal.)

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by rick reyes

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"Djes!" Does your escape have any political connection? "Both Father and I are members of the Democratic Party. And will support it because it promotes the benefit of the community." Tom: "As far as I can see, now that you brought up outside interests, there isn't time enough. Now can you make a living in this day and age and support M.C.C., God, and the Community? There is no time for any outside activity." Yes, well thank you, Father. What is the biggest problems you two have ever had? "The bigotry and Victorian attitudes of my ancestors." Those were the words of Father. Ah, tell me, Mother, how did you find out about this place? "Well, we found out about M.C.C. through

the Advocate; that's when M.C.C. was very young." Would you two mind telling me something about each other? "Father is gorgeous." "Mother has the fault of loving everyone, which makes him a beautiful person. He is loyal." The biggest problem in the community, would you care to elaborate on that? "Getting the group to work together." "Well I feel that it's prejudice. Even within our own community . . . we're all at odds." They say that the world is a cruel place to live in. What is your opinion? "You have to live in the jungle very carefully." Thank you, Mother. "You don't fight it. Jesus Christ brought His word as well as His philosophy of life. It's the understanding of life." Words of the Father, I couldn't have said it any better. Now tell me, I am sure that my radio listener will want to know, what is the greatest one thing man can do to man?, Mother. "Just love him." Father? "Accept him as just as much as a child of God . . ." What is M.C.C. all about? I mean give me the low down on M.C.C. "It's done a tremendous thing to help us help and love our fellow man through Christianity." "It has given me the guts to say what I should have said twenty years ago. By the By!--Milton is Don's real daughter." Well, thank you for this time. Now before I sign off and take you back to our station, I would like to say that Tom and Don are the two most wonderful people I have ever interviewed. Now before I am

crushed by the crowd at this time of General Conference, I think I will take my leave. Take it away, Billie Jo.) Well, that was something else. Almost like the Gay banker, right? O.K., here we go with the most requested hit of the season, "Take Me On Your Bread, Because I'm Butter in Your Hands," by Fairy Lewis and the Gay Boys.

Next week I take a look at someone who has the fastest tongue in the west, and his lover. 'Til then remember: If Michelangelo hadn't have been born, David would have been just "one of the boys."

BOOK REVIEW -----

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Lesbian/Woman, by Del Martin and Phyllis Lyons

Human Being--Woman--Lesbian . . . this is the order in which Ms. Lyons and Ms. Martin feel the gay woman should demand and receive her civil rights.

Lesbian/Woman is a unique and realistic book for both gay men and women. For the men, it will help them understand and learn of, the gay woman. It will wipe away fallacies which are often tagged onto Lesbians. And hopefully it will create a new plane in which to unite with her for gay civil rights.

For the gay woman it may be a source of comfort, of knowledge, and pride. She may find answers to fears she has had such as: exposure to employers, exposure to children, police harassment, etc.

Examples are taken from the authors' lives and those of friends and acquaintances. Some situations are resolved, some are unresolved. But all are published for future reference in an effort to alleviate the suffering and frustrations that gay women have had or are having.

Lesbian/Woman might be considered a modern "Lesbian" textbook, for much can be gleaned from its 283 pages.

A challenge is issued throughout the book: that the gay woman accept herself as a Lesbian/Woman, and then if at all possible, stand up and be counted.

-Staff Contributor

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HUMAN, ALIVE, WELL AND COLLABORATING, or The author in Review

Last spring Rev. Troy Perry announced from the pulpit that his autobiographical memoir, *The Lord Is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay*, would be published during the summer by Nash Publishing Company here in Los Angeles. He said that he was too busy to do it himself and had utilized the services of a ghost. The ghost's name appears on the dust jacket, title page, and in all attendant advertising, promotion, and publicity for the book. He is Charles Lucas, a counselor and former monitor of the MCC Crisis Intervention Committee. Apart from his work here, and at the Suicide Prevention Center, and his close friendship with Troy Perry, not many at MCC know very much about him.

When asked about this Charles said, "Just read the book's post script. It says it all." As a matter of fact, it doesn't. Charles says that he hails from Montana, and can prove it, that he will never hold a civil service job, and can prove it, and that he has devoted a good deal of his effort to enjoying educating himself. He spent part of his boyhood in Mukden, China, part in Spain, part in Latin America, and part in vaudeville in the United States. This last as a result of having won a Charleston contest with his sister. "The act was really quite terrible, but we learned quite a lot. Sally Rand was touring the same circuit, and so was Martha Raye, and all of that horrendous tribe. It was like an obstacle course in survival," Charles said.

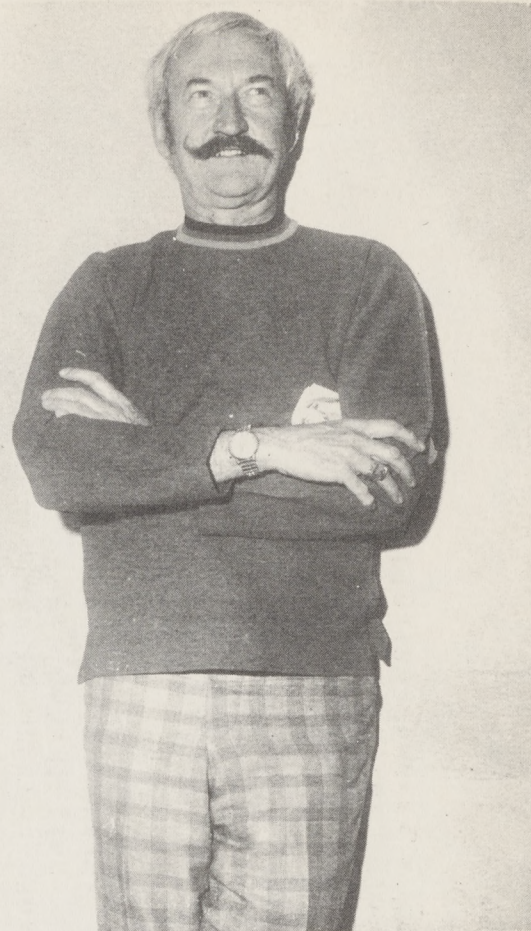
A paternal grandmother stopped all of that and insisted that the recalcitrant pair be shipped off to schools. They were. As a prize Charles attended the pre-Olympic games in Berlin in 1936, and went to visit relatives in Madrid on the eve of the Spanish Civil War. His visit was subjected to an enforced stay, but he left Barcelona with some of Spain's top intellectuals and served as English translator for the three busloads of people who were literally shipped to the United States, sealed in their coaches, and given forty-eight hours to cross the border into Mexico. It is a trip Charles has made many times since, but in a different style.

Following his own service in World War II as a bomber-test pilot on the B-29 program and various other aircraft, Charles gave up such suicidal behavior patterns, and pursued an academic career closely tied to show biz. He was graduated from U.C.L.A., and has done graduate work at the Banff School of Fine Arts in Canada, and did a four-year graduate program at Yale's School of Drama. His thesis projects dealt with Luigi Pirandello, and *The Perpetual Experimentation of Eugene O'Neill*. These are two separate works. The Pirandello was a production of Enrico IV, a play dealing with perceptions of reality.

The O'Neill work, published some years ago, is now out of print.

When Charles first lurked about MCC some told Rev. Perry that they thought he was a police informer. To which Charles replied, "I was a sodomist for the F.B.I." Actually Charles finds the idea of being a police informer beguiling. He has been imprisoned for various reasons, largely political, in Japan, Spain, Latin America and the United States. But not recently. In the interim he has been a college professor in Mexico, and toured for an academic research branch of the U.S. State Department lecturing on the history and development of the English language, the history and development of the Mexican and Latin American film, the history of American movies--or the white telephone school of culture. The tour was sufficient to render him temporarily mute, and he turned to writing in earnest. He has two books on assignment, upon which he is currently working.

Charles Lucas is a warmly entertaining, self-sacrificing, and genuinely real person. What makes Rev. Troy Perry's life story "come



Charles L. Lucas

to life" is the humorously poignant style of his "ghost."

-Staff Contributor

Growing American Youth

First off I want to let you know that Growing American Youth Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley welcome each and every one of you who are down for General Conference this year. I hope that you have been blessed as much as I.

G.A.Y. has been very busy this past week in preparing for General Conference. Many of us were down Wednesday night to help clean the church.

The last big activity for the groups was our Astrological Birthday Party last Sunday at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor. We had a very good attendance of about 25 young people. After the party many of the youth gathered in the home of Maurice Nuesco for a youth group meeting. John Kettle gave a devotional.

This year it is so wonderful to see so many young people down for General Conference. Yesterday we had a pool party potluck

for the youth with a very good turnout. I missed the party yesterday, but was very pleased to sit in with delegate Al Ojeda for the business part of General Conference. I learned many interesting things about the church from just listening.

I hope you enjoyed our youth choir last night. They have really been practicing hard. They have a good director, Randy, whom we all love.

I want to wish every one a safe trip home and may God's blessings be with each and every one of you.

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If you are between the ages of 13 and 20 and want to be involved with our group, please come and visit us at our group meetings. The Los Angeles group meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8 o'clock here at the church. San Gabriel Valley meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at the home of Maurice Nuesco at 6:30 PM. The youth groups will soon be planning a fund raising dance for the church.

Love and God's blessing be with you.

-Steve Regalado

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Conference Lunch
Opening Prayer - Rev. Paul VanHecke, Fresno, California
Stingspiration
Welcome - Rev. P. Bradley Wilson, Miami, Florida
Announcements
Introduction - Mass Choir
Offering
Special Guest Speaker - Assemblyman Willie Brown, San Francisco
Special Music: "The Lord's Prayer," The Crescendos, L.A.
Closing Remarks - Rev. Troy D. Perry, Los Angeles, California

1:00 PM
7:30 PM

Your Prayers Are Needed

- Billy Santiago, who needs help in finding a new home.
- Bruce Porter, who needs employment.
- Charles Bennett, who also needs employment.
- For the safe arrival and return of all attending Conference.
- Betty in Seattle, Evelyn's friend, who is to undergo an operation.
- Roy Anderson, who is in the VA hospital with cancer.
- Sally Houston.
- Bill, who has personal problems.
- Pat Nugent, whose 19-year-old son was drowned in Rhode Island this past week.

- Larry Porter, who needs spiritual guidance.
- Del Phillip, who has cancer.
- Jody Anderson's stepmother, who is suffering internal bleeding with undetermined causes.
- Mrs. Palmer, who has terminal cancer.
- Leo, who has terminal cancer.

Isn't Jesus Wonderfull

All of us here within the community at MCC who know Rusty and Cricket, know the problems they have been having the past two weeks, and those of you who were here Wednesday evening, were able to see the miracles that can happen through prayer.

A lot of people in and out of our community say there is no God. If you ask them they say prayer is useless. The next time you, your family, or your friends think that prayer is really useless, go ask Cricket and you'll learn, if you don't know it now: Jesus Is Wonderful!!

Your Prayers Were Answered

- Jerry Race, whose financial needs and residential needs were met.
- Jay Getman, who has had contact from relatives in South Dakota (recent flood area).
- Rusty and Cricket, whose prayers were answered.
- Bill Brady, who is able to walk.
- Larry Porter, who had a beautiful trip to Missouri.



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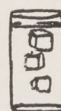
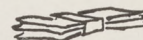
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The preparations for the upcoming Deacon's Fund Show and Dinner (Sept. 16) are in full swing, and once again we will have another social event at MCC.

The Lavender Ladies group is rehearsing for the show portion of the benefit and the members are getting a great little show together for your entertainment.

Our deacons are doing their best to see to the menu and make a meal that will be a real delight to all who attend.

The Deacon's Fund Show and Dinner is put on to make money for the use of the deacons to help those of our brothers and sisters who are not as fortunate as the rest of us. They help many, and this dinner and show is one of the ways in which we can raise some money.

Tickets are available through Lavender Ladies members, or any deacon. For a donation of \$2.00 get your ticket, come along, and have fun.

-Lori Oswald

LAVENDER LADIES DANCE

Saturday, Sept. 9, from 7 to 11 PM, or as long as you can dance. One dollar donation at the door with all proceeds going toward offsetting the cost of the upcoming Lavender Ladies production for the Deacon's Fund Dinner.

Spinning the disks will be MCC's own Mr. Disk Jockey himself, Bob Olson, formerly of WMYQ-FM of Miami Beach, Fla.

Responsibility means accepting the little, essential disciplines that go with any team operation--punctuality, neatness, safety.

-Gil Boyd



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HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

California has extended the period to register to vote from 54 days prior to the November General Election to 30 days prior. These three extra weeks will allow many thousands of Californians to fulfill the qualifications of registering to vote. Caution is issued by the County of Los Angeles Registrar of Voters office to not wait til the end of the qualifying period due to the fact a great deal of paper work is involved and the shortness of time may make it impossible to get all records available to precinct quarters.

Remember, your vote is important. This year many issues are cliff-hangers and your vote will be doubly valuable. Don't neglect your obligation, right and privilege to vote.

C.I.C. CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

VISITORS WELCOME--CIC is planning its first workshop this Sunday afternoon, Sept. 3, in connection with General Conference.

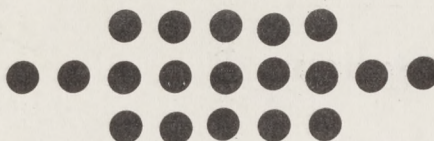
This will be solely for the purpose of showing to those attending the General Conference exactly how CIC operates. The workshop will be held downstairs in the Sunday School room.

It will include showing:

- 1) the duties of the monitors on the phones, 2) how to handle suicide problems, 3) how we distribute food from the Deacon's Closet, 4) how we try to solve housing problems, 5) assigning people to see counselors and over-all procedures that keep CIC in operation.

All interested are welcome.

-David Watson



ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Come one! Come all! to the MCC Long Beach benefit show featuring the Sand Pebbles. Come and enjoy yourselves with us. There will be dancing and a show. There will also be cold beverages and coffee.

At the Web Center, 835 Locust Ave., Long Beach, 8:00 PM, Sept. 8. The price is \$2.00.

For tickets please contact Tim Earhart or Stephen Scalf.



Drama

"WHEN ABRA COMES BACK" or Why Does Elizabeth Smith Hate Homosexuals So Much?

"When Abra Comes Back," an original 3-act drama by Joe Therrien, opens at the Fair Share Foundation's Contempo Theater September 1, under the direction of Odell Mack, director of the foundation.

The setting of the play is a small manufacturing town where Abra, portrayed by Velma Brooks, has just returned after serving part of a sentence for allegedly killing the boyfriend of her Aunt May, portrayed by Mary Bryant. The production also carries a second theme of a young aspiring, self-centered actress, portrayed by Gail Jennings, who is trying to find out if her boyfriend Clint, portrayed by James R. Paige, is a homosexual.

The drama, with a cast of nine, will be playing each Friday and Saturday night of September at 8 PM at the Contempo Theatre, 253 West 61st Street, phone 753-6258.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Rev. Perry:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of HIS KIDS, for the opportunity the Kids had to minister in your church.

We also want to thank you very much for the honorarium you were able to give the work of HIS KIDS.

The Lord continues to bless His work and the work is going on in His will.

Sincerely in Christ,

-Joan Hinshaw
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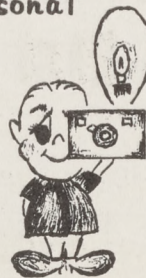
Poy and Mary Wolcott are renewing their wedding vows on October 7th at 7:30 P.M. here at the church.

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